

Election

Applicant elects the Group I invention including claims 1-28 drawn to a semiconductor device for further examination. Applicant further elects the Species of Embodiment 1, which corresponds to Figs. 1-5 of the application. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-7, 15 and 17-21 may be interpreted as reading on the Species of Embodiment 1. This election is without traverse.

Remarks

Claims 1-30 are pending in the present application.

As noted above, Applicant has elected the Group I invention including claims 1-28 drawn to a semiconductor device, and has further elected the Species of Embodiment 1 for initial examination. As also noted above, claims 1-7, 15 and 17-21 may be interpreted as readable on the Species of Embodiment 1.

Applicant however respectfully submits that claims 1-3, 15 and 17 are generic to each of the Species of Embodiments 1 – 9 as identified on pages 2-3 of the Election Requirement dated January 23, 2006. **The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge that claims 1-3, 15 and 17 are generic to each of the Species of Embodiments 1 – 9.**

Conclusion

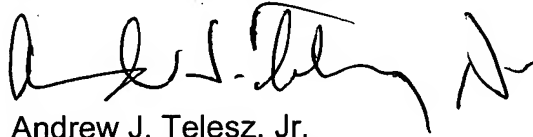
Favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (571) 283-0720 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0238 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. J. Telesz, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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